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ABSTRACT

This volume offers an illustrated history of the 250-year history of Princeton University (New Jersey). The book's first seven chapters focus on the pivotal moments of Princeton's first 200 years: its founding based in the Great Awakening, a religious movement of the time; the construction and history of Nassau Hall; the era of President Witherspoon, a Scottish minister and the University's first great president; the Civil War; the era of President McCosh, a Scottish educator who significantly improved the institution; Woodrow Wilson at Princeton; and the inter-war years. The remaining seven chapters sketch the major developments of the post-World War II era, including increased diversity of the student body, an expanded commitment to graduate education and research, the decision to become coeducational, and the creation of residential colleges. Interspersed are small sections that profile the four presidents who led Princeton after World War II and brief sketches on topics that range from Princeton's athletes and its Nobel laureates to things named after Princeton and the phenomenon of Princeton reunions. (JB)

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